## OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL

## FUNCTIONAL STATEMENT

The Office of General Counsel serves as legal adviser to the Director and all organizational units of the Central Intelligence Agency and represents the Agency in all legal proceedings. This Office reviews contracts, agreements, leases, and other legal documents to which the Central Intelligence Agency is a party; advises and assists in ascertaining and determining proper regulations and procedures with respect to the use of unvouchered funds; examines and approves in advance of issue all interdepartmental orders, regulations, and related directives which involve legal questions; and handles the legal aspects 25X1 of transactions involving matters of real property with which the Central Intelligence Agency is concerned. The Office is also responsible for advising

In the field of covert activities the General Counsel furnishes legal advice with respect to the unique problems of individuals in a covert status and the relationships of such individuals to the Agency and to other Government, proprietary, and private organizations. The legal problems arising therefrom extend to all fields, including private, public, and international law, both United States and foreign.

The Lagislative Counsel maintains and controls liaison between the Agency and members of Congress. Congressional committees and Committee staffs. He is responsible for the coordination, formulation and submission of Agency legislative programs. He also reviews other legislative proposals and advises the Director of Central Intelligence and appropriate Agency officials of proposed legislation affecting the Agency, and is responsible for the development of a coordinated Agency position on such legislation. The Legislative Counsel serves as a personal adviser to the Director on matters pertaining to his personal contacts with the Congress and acts for the Director in these matters when appropriate.

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